

Helpful Information

■ Why time of day restrictions?

Watering Efficiency: Rates of evaporation due to temperature, wind, and sunlight intensity are generally highest from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. By watering outside of this time period, more water will go to your landscaping grass, plants, and trees, and less will be lost to the atmosphere because of evaporation.

■ What is hand watering?

Hand watering is standing in your yard with your water hose or watering can. Hose-connected sprinklers and leaving an open-ended hose running are not allowed during the restricted period.

■ How can I conserve water outdoors?

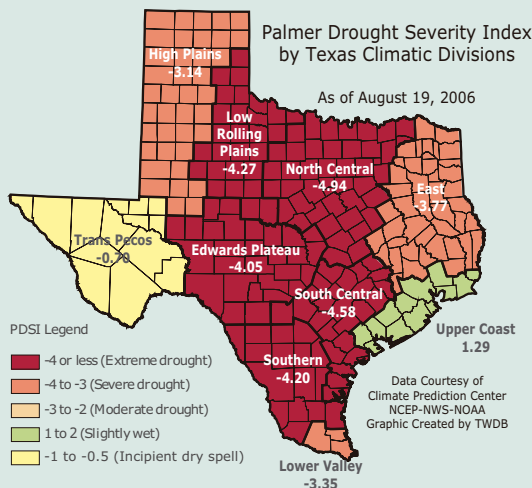
- Adjust the timer on automatic sprinklers according to seasonal water demands.
- Install a rain and freeze sensor, which shuts off the irrigation system in wet or freezing conditions.
- Avoid watering on windy days.
- Avoid watering your lawn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (*mandatory between June 1 and September 30.*)
- Landscape your yard with native and drought tolerant grass and plants.
- Apply about one inch of water to your lawn once every five days.
- Wash your car with a bucket of soapy water.
- Clean driveways with a broom instead of a water hose.
- Put mulch around plants, bushes and trees to help the soil retain moisture.
- Inspect your sprinkler heads to make sure none are missing, broken, clogged, pushed too far in the ground or spraying on sidewalks, driveways or streets.

■ How can I conserve water indoors?

- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.
- Check all water faucets and commodes for leaks.
- Take a quick shower instead of a bath.
- Turn water off when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Load both dishwasher and washing machine to capacity before turning it on.
- When purchasing new appliances, select a brand with a high efficiency rating.

To report violations, call 817-459-6777, Option 3.

Our North Texas Region is in an extreme drought



Do your part to conserve water. Use only what you need.

1. Except for hand watering and soaker hoses, lawn and landscape irrigation between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited through September 30.
2. Water deeply (about one inch) only once every 5 days. Mow your lawn at the highest mower setting. This saves water and promotes deeper roots for a healthier lawn.
3. Install native landscaping, which requires much less water than grass lawns and is drought tolerant.
4. Install a rain sensor to ensure that your sprinkler system does not operate during or immediately after rainfall.

Visit www.SaveArlingtonWater.com for additional information, water conservation tips, and other helpful links.



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Si necesita usted hablar con un representante en Español, por favor llame al 817-275-5931.

Conservation Ordinance Details

The following is quoted from the Water Chapter of the City Code, as authorized in Ordinance 05-015:

Watering Restrictions

Except for hand watering and the use of soaker hoses, it shall be unlawful for any person to irrigate, water, or cause or permit the irrigation or watering of any lawn or landscape located on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from June 1 through September 30 of any year.

Irrigation System Rain and Freeze Sensors

- 1. Any irrigation system installed within the City on or after March 4, 2005 must be equipped with rain and freeze sensors in number and type established and published by the Director of Utilities.*
- 2. Any irrigation system installed before March 4, 2005 may not be operated after March 4, 2007 without being equipped with rain and freeze sensors in number and type established and published by the Director of Utilities. This requirement does not apply to a single family residential or duplex property, or an individually-metered condominium unit.*

Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Requirements

New lawn and landscape irrigation requirements became effective by ordinance on March 4, 2005, as part of our effort to meet the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Water Development Board in planning for our community's growing water supply needs. These measures will also extend our regional water supplies.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these requirements.

Besides conserving water, following these requirements will lower your watering costs while maintaining healthy lawns and beautiful landscapes.

Research shows lawns will survive and stay green with watering to a 1" depth every 5 to 7 days during the summer and every 15 to 20 days during the winter (dormant season).

Summary of Requirements

1. Time of Day Watering Restrictions

June 1 - September 30, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. NO lawn or landscaping watering or irrigating is permitted, unless hand watering or using soaker hoses.

2. Include rain and freeze sensors on all irrigation systems installed on or after March 4, 2005.

3. By March 4, 2007, equip all commercial and apartment irrigation systems installed before March 4, 2005 with rain and freeze sensors.